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1. SUMMARY. THE CHIPENDA FACTION OF MPLA OPENED AN OFFICE IN LUANDA AND WAS PROMPTLY READ OUT OF THE PARTY BY THE LUANDA DELEGATION OF NETO'S FACTION. CHIPENDA IN TURN STATED HE CONSIDERS ALL ACTION BY NETO AS "ILLEGAL." MPLA OPENED OFFICES IN CARMONA AND NOVA LISBOA. FNLA OPENED AN OFFICE IN LOBITO AND SEVERAL "HOUSES OF THE PEOPLE" IN LUANDA. UNITA CHIEF SAVIMBI HINTS THAT A RAPPROCHEMENT WITH AGOSTINHO NETO IS IMMINENT.

2. THE PAST WEEK'S POLITICAL EVENTS WERE HIGHLIGHTED BY THE ARRIVAL OF A DELEGATION FROM THE CHIPENDA FACTION OF MPLA. THE DELEGATION, HEADED BY COMMANDER YETU, ARRIVED QUIETLY. DELEGATIONS FROM FNLA AND UNITA ASSISTED ON DECEMBER 11 IN CEREMONIES OPENING THE OFFICE, AROUND WHICH FNLA TROOPS WERE POSTED AS GUARDS. LUANDA'S "REGULAR" MPLA DELEGATION OF AGOSTINHO NETO ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ON DECEMBER 14 ATTACKING THE NEW DELEGATION AND, IN PARTICULAR, YETU, WHOM IT ACCUSES OF BEING A QUITTER AND A TRAITOR. THE FOLLOWING DAY IT ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE OFFICIALLY

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STATING THAT THE CHIPENDA FACTION WAS NO LONGER A PART OF MPLA.

CHIPENDA RETALIATED BY STATING IN KINSHASA THAT NETO'S GROUP WAS "ILLEGAL" AND CALLED AN AFRICAN STATES TO SUPPORT HIM AS THE LEGITIMATE HEAD OF MPLA AS DETERMINED BY THE LUSAKA CONFERENCE LAST AUGUST.

2. MPLA AND FNLA WERE BOTH ACTIVELY PURSUING THEIR CAMPAIGN TO WIDEN THEIR POLITICAL BASE BY OPENING OFFICES IN VARIOUS CITIES. MPLA MOVED INTO THE FNLA STRONGHOLD OF CARMONA ON DECEMBER 14. FNLA OPENED AN OFFICE IN LOBITO, EXPANDED ITS NETWORK OF "HOUSES OF THE PEOPLE" IN LUANDA AND OPENED A MEDICAL POST IN ONE OF THE GHETTOES RINGING THE CAPITAL. FNLA AND UNITA AGREED TO COOPERATE ON A "CHRISTMAS FOR THE FREE CHILDREN" DESIGNED TO SOLICIT OFFERINGS FOR THE POOR CHILDREN OF LUANDA'S SLUMS.

3. JONAS SAVIMBI OF UNITA RETURNED FROM HIS FOREIGN TRIP AND GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN LUSO ON DECEMBER 14. HE STATED HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF THE MINISTER FOR INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION ALMEIDA DOS SANTOS ACCORDING TO WHICH EACH LIBERATION MOVEMENT WOULD HAVE ONE MINISTER WITHOUT-PORTFOLIO IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. SAVIMBI INSISTED THAT ALL MINISTRIES BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE LIBERATION GROUPS. HE ADMITTED THE GROUPS ARE BICKERING AMONG THEMSELVES AS TO WHO WILL CONTROL THE IMPORTANT POSTS OF INFORMATION AND INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION. HE SAID THERE WOULD SHORTLY BE RELEASED A JOINT MPLA-UNITA COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THE RESULTS OF HIS TALKS WITH NETO IN LUSAKA AND DAR ES SALAAM AND HINTED THAT THIS MAY BE THE BEGINNING OF A UNITED FRONT. HE RECOGNIZES NETO AS HEAD OF MPLA BECAUSE THIS IS THE WISH OF SUCH AFRICAN STATES AS ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA, BUT HE IS CONTINUING CLOSE CONTACTS WITH CHIPENDA AND STATED HE HOPED MPLA WOULD HEAL ITSELF SOON. HE SAID HOLDEN ROBERTO IS A "DIFFERENT MAN" AND NOW HAS A MUCH BETTER COMPREHENSION OF THE PROBLEMS OF ANGOLA. "IF HE HAD UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEMS AS HE NOW DOES, PERHAPS WE WOULD NEVER HAVE LEFT UPA."

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